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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 822
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Ross Ballard Lumpkin,
2002 Valedictorian of Camden Central High
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Ross Ballard Lumpkin is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2002 graduating class at Camden Central High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Lumpkin has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, Ross Ballard Lumpkin has earned numerous honors during his high school career, including the Titans Radio Network Kia Sportage Award, the CHS Football Academic Award, the TSSAA Academic Achievement Award, the Outstanding Biology I Student Award, and Second Place in the American Society for Public Administration Essay Contest; he was also

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recognized by *Who's Who Among American High School Students* and at the Academic Awards Banquet; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lumpkin is an active member of his school and community, having participated in the Parliamentary Procedure Team, the Drug Free Alliance, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, a gifted athlete, he represented his school on the baseball diamond and gridiron and earned recognition as Camden Motor Parts Offensive Player, a member of the TSSAA 14-AA All-District Baseball Team, and Honorable Mention on the TSSAA 6-AA All-Region Football Team and for the Wendy's Classic Big Play of the Game; and

WHEREAS, he is a highly respected leader among his peers and has served as Historian of the Beta Club and a member of the Student Council; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lumpkin's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success as a student at the University of Tennessee in Martin and throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, his dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor Ross Ballard Lumpkin, 2002 Valedictorian of Camden Central High School, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for much happiness and every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.